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Fifty-second Pentagon Tapping Honors Five Juniors As Freshmen Win Sing At Charter Day Celebration

Freshmen Wind Up With 21 Points To Dethrone Juniors

By Don Spector

Winning the Inter-class Sing, the freshmen eked out a two point edge over the sophomores to win this year's Class Day Trophy. Although placing second in the Sing, the juniors managed only a third place in the overall competition. The juniors won the Class Day competition last year.

Going into Wednesday's Class Day activities, the sophomore class, with seven points, had a one point lead over the freshmen and seniors, the juniors trailing with three points. On Monday afternoon, the sophomores and seniors had defeated the juniors and freshmen respectively in the inter-class softball semi-finals. In Wednesday afternoon's finals the sophomores downed the seniors 6-2, winning five more points towards the Class Trophy. In the playoff game, for third place the juniors defeated the freshmen.

While the juniors took the interclass golf tournament the sophomores gained five more points in the tennis competition, giving them a total of 19 points. Going into the Sing Wednesday night, the freshmen had 13 points, the juniors had 12, and the seniors, had 11. It seemed likely to many observers that the sophomores had the trophy sewed up since they needed no better than a third place in the Sing to win it.

Wednesday night, as the judging committee headed by Professor Tom Johnston and including Professors Piano, Starnes, Baldwin, and Jauch stood by, the freshmen, led by Bill Madden, sang *Gather Close, Stars of the Summer Night,* and breaking precedent, *Carissima* in Latin. Following them, the sophomores directed by Al Shaler sang *Samuel Kirkland, Oklahoma,* and *Carissima.*

The juniors, directed by Jon Greenwald, sang *Australia, Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes,* and *Carissima.* The seniors, under Tom Fisher, in a burst of showmanship did not sing from their appointed place on the steps of Truax. Instead, their renditions of *We Come to Hang Our Banners, Aura Lee,* and *Carissima* came from atop the balcony of Truax, the singers' faces illuminated by car spotlights shining on them from either side of the quadrangle.

In the Chapel immediately following the Sing, Professor Johnston announced the judges' decision: first place in the Sing went to the freshman class giving them eight additional points to bring their Class Day total to 21—two points better than the sophomores who finished fourth in the Sing—and enough to give them the Class Day Trophy. The junior class captured second place in the Sing to give them 17 points and third place in the interclass competition, while the seniors trailed everyone as they also did last year. This morning however, they made an attempt to drown their sorrows as they all bolted classes and drove down to the Alexander Hamilton Inn for some mid-morning refreshment.

President Appoints Three More Men To Faculty Posts

To Assume Posts Next September

President McEwen announced today the appointment of three new men, H. Clarence Nixon, Charles L. Hunter, and F. C. Cooke, to the College faculty.

Nixon will fill the position left vacant by Assistant Professor Donald H. Riddle who has received a year's leave of absence from the College on a Ford fellowship grant to study government and politics first hand. Nixon will hold the position of Visiting Lecturer in Political Science.

Having gained his B.S. and M.S. at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute in 1909 and 1910 respectively, he received his Ph.D. at the University of Chicago in 1927. From 1931 through 1938 he was head of the departments of History and Political Science at Tulane University. In 1944 he was elected president of the Southern Political Science Association.

Besides being a member of the editorial board of the *Journal of Politics,* Nixon has also been Editorial Director of the Vanderbilt University Press since 1942. He

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Committee Leaders Appointed; Council Officers Elected

Smith Will Head Social Committee

Last Sunday night, the Student Council elected its officers for the following year. They are, Dave Smalley, president; Bob Connor, vice president; Pete Eckel, treasurer; Hal Bruck, secretary.

In meeting this week the Council approved the appointment of four men to head undergraduate organizations. They are Al Prettyman, '56; Paul Carter, '56; John Smith, '56; and Phil Rizzo, '58.

Al Prettyman was approved as representative-at-large on the Publication Board. Paul Carter, who assisted Comer Coppie in the running of this year's Parent's Weekend, will organize that weekend next year.

John Smith will head next year's Social Committee. Frank Rizzo is the General Chairman of a newly formed Foreign Films Association. The purpose of this organization, whose constitution the Council approved last Tuesday, is to promote foreign cultural and entertainment films on the Hamilton campus.

Yearbook Ready In Fall; To Have Spring Activities

John Ibach, editor of the Hamiltonian, has announced that the 1955 yearbook will include for the first time all spring sports and a section on commencement activities. In order to include these new features the 1955 Hamiltonian staff will publish the yearbook in August.

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Veteran sandlotter Edgar Graves shown smashing out hit in annual Faculty-Senior softball game. In spite of all-out team effort, the faculty succumbed to the seniors 11-10.

Cooperation Between IFC, Student Council Studied

At meetings this week the Student Council and Interfraternity Council each appointed committees to investigate ways in which the operation of the two groups might be made more efficient and responsible.

The actions of the groups followed recommendations presented to the IFC on Tuesday night by Mark Heller, '55. These recommendations included the abolition of the present Student and Interfraternity Councils, and the establishment of a new larger student government body. This group would include representatives of all social groups on campus, representatives at large, and the class presidents.

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$18,000 Gift Establishes Fund For Pre-Meds

The Lillian Babbitt Hyde Foundation of New York City has made a gift of $18,000 to Hamilton College to be used for the funding of a scholarship to aid a pre-medical student. The Hyde Foundation has a great interest in public health and medicine.

The establishment of this scholarship at Hamilton seems to be a recognition of the college's success in preparing students for

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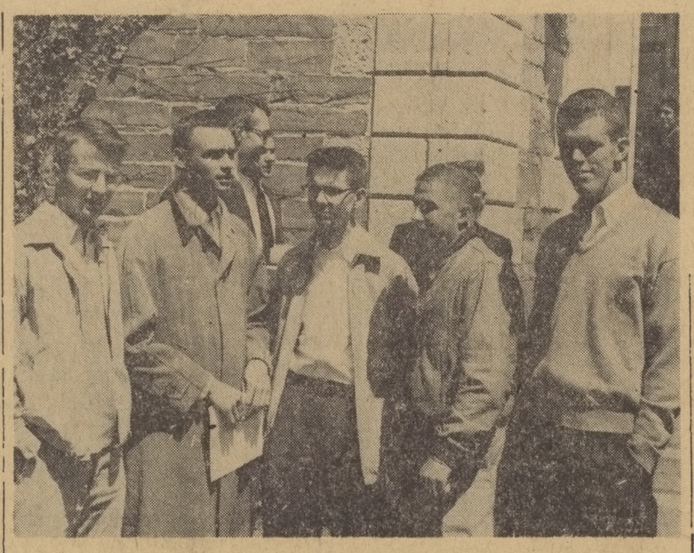

New Pentagon members shown posing informally after Chapel yesterday. From left to right, Jim Schade, Paul Carter, Bob Connor, Earl Cline and Dave Smalley.

President McEwen Awards Thirty-six Prizes; Ten Named To "Who's Who"

By John Graves

In the annual Class and Charter Day ceremonies, held on Wednesday, May 18, President McEwen awarded 36 different scholarships and prizes.

The winner of the Root Fellowship of Science established in 1894 by Elihu Root, was Sam Rosen, '55. This fellowship provides $1200 for a single year of graduate study, either at an American or European University. John Ibach won the James Soper Merrill prize.

Senior Scholarships

Among the senior prize scholarships awarded were the Chauncey S. Truax Prize Scholarship in Greek, won by Bob Connor, '56; the Edward Huntington Memorial Mathematical Scholarship, won by Bill Benson, '56; the Arthur W. Soper Latin Scholarship, awarded to Sam Schulman, '56; the Duell German Scholarship, won by Dennis Mahoney, '57; the Captain Gerald Fitzgerald Dale Senior Scholarship, awarded to Paul Carter, '56, for "distinction in literature, language, music, science, or social science;" and the Frank Humphrey Ristine Scholarship, presented to Mike Sundell, '56, for excellence in English.

President McEwen then awarded the junior prize scholarships, which included the Dr. Edward Fitch Prize Scholarship in Latin, won by George Robinson, '57, and the Renwick Prize Scholarship in Biology, won by Griff Bates, '57. David Burner, '58, was also presented with the Harlan Woodfork Scholarship, sponsored by the Student Christian Association.

Music Prize to Fisher

Achievement prizes presented by President McEwen were: the Curran Prize in Greek and Latin, won by Bob Connor, '56; the Nelson Clark Dale, Jr., Prize in Music, awarded to Tom Fisher, '55; the Darling Prize in American History, presented to Eric von Brockdorff, '55; the Holbrook Prize in Biology, won by Sam Rosen, '55; the Kneeland Prize, presented to Dick Corradi, '56, the student who had the best record when his grades in a year course on the Bible and in an essay competition on an assigned biblical subject were combined.

Other prizes awarded were the McKinney Debating Prizes, won by Jim Magee, '55, first prize, and Mark Heller, '55, second; the McKinney Speaking Prizes, presented to Dan Teitelbaum and Al Prettyman, '56, Dick Hall, Martin Nadel, and Earle Schemerhorn, '57, and Jim Citranglo and Dick Purple, '58; the Putnam Prize in American History, won by Al Kaiser, '55; the Rogers Prize in Geology, presented to Dick Harnett, '55; the Tompkins Prizes in Mathematics, awarded to Bill Benson, '56, and Paul Carter, '56, and the Underwood Prize in Chemistry, won by Ira Roschelle, '55.

President McEwen awarded the Winchell Prize in Greek to Bob Connor, '56; the Winslow Prize in Greek to Roger Prokop, '57; the Winslow Prize in Latin to Alan Fuller, '58; and the Winslow Prize in Romance Languages to Sam Schulman, '56.

Essay Prizes

Essay prizes which were awarded at the Chapel meeting were: the Dean Alfange Essay Prize, to Dave Smalley, '56, who wrote the best essay on a feature or an issue of the American constitutional government; the Cobb Essay Prize to Ron Krauss, '55, who submitted the best essay on journalism; the Golding Essay Prize to Gary Green, '56, and Roger D'Aprix, '55, the writers of the two best papers "dealing with the promotion of racial and religious understanding in the United States;" the Head Essay Prize to Walter Carl, Jr., '55, who wrote the best essay about a theme concerning Alexander Hamilton.

The Hutton Essay Prize was awarded to Paul McGiffin, '57, who submitted the most outstanding essay on an assigned subject about the Bible; the Kellogg Essay Prize to Earl Harbert, '56, who excelled in English essays, no award being made to a member of the Class of 1957 or 1958, and the Soper Essay Prize to Gary Green, '56, the writer of the best essay on an assigned topic in economics.

New Award

Ed Reed, '55, received the Gelas Memorial Prize, which is to be presented annually to "the senior who has been outstanding in sportsmanship, leadership, strength of character, and athletic ability." Francis Seidner, '55, received a silver medal and a year's subscription to the *Wall Street Journal,* awarded by that newspaper to the student with the most outstanding record in the beginning course of political science.

Who's Who Among Students awards were presented to Paul Carter, Comer Coppie, Tom Fisher, Leo Holmsten, John Ibach, Ed Reed, Al Savory, Stan Schade, Pieter Van Volkenburgh and Bob Ward. Also awards were given to Tom Fisher, Phil Hahn, Robin Holloway, John Keeler and Bob Ward, seniors in the choir.

Besides its regular hours, the Library will be open Saturday evenings, May 21 and 28, from 7:15 to 11:00.

Choose Carter, Cline, Connor, Schade, Smalley for Society

"Pentagon has an announcement," heralded the 52nd tapping of members of the senior honorary society during the Class and Charter Day assembly.

Paul Carter, Earl Cline, Robert Connor, James Schade and David Smalley will represent the class of 1956. They succeed David Bates, Comer Coppie, John Ibach, Tom Fisher, and Alan Savory.

From Palmyra

Carter is president of the Chapel Board and Honor Court. President of Alpha Delt, he comes from Palmyra, having been graduated from Macedon Central High School. He served as president of his class during his freshman year. Beginning in this year he also played basketball and is a member of the track team. Tapped for both D.T. and Was Los, he is manager of the Choir and sings in the Buffers. Just before he was tapped, Carter received the Captain Gerald Fitzgerald Dale Senior Scholarship.

Cline, a Psi U, lives in Brockport. Graduating from Brockport High School, he has been active in athletics on the Hill since his freshman year. Next year's captain of the football team he also is a member of the track and ski teams. He has been a member of both D.T. and Was Los. Recently, Cline was elected president of Psi U and president of the IFC.

Council Vice President

Connor is associate editor of the *Spectator.* Elected vice-president of the Student Council and Debate Club, he is also secretary of his class. A TKE, Connor graduated from South High School in his home town of Worcester, Massachusetts. During his freshman year he was a McKinney speaker. He has served this year as president of the SCA and will be treasurer of the Chapel Board next year. A member of Pi Delta Epsilon, he was recently elected vice-president of Delta Sigma Rho. A winner of numerous prizes, he received the Truax Prize Scholarship in Greek at the assembly.

Smalley is vice-president of Alpha Delt and president also of the Student Council. He lives in Larchmont and was graduated from Mamaroneck High School. Smalley starred as goalie on the soccer team and is also active in the sailing club. During his sophomore year he was a member of D.T.

Schade, editor of the *Spectator,* is a TKE. This year he has been president of his class and tapped for both D.T. and Was Los. Schade has been active in the Campus Fund, and was recently appointed to head the drive next year. His home is in Aspinwall, Pennsylvania where he was graduated from high school.

Professor Marsh Ably Illumines Stryker Regime

Put College On Sound Basis

By Hank Nadig

The man who "infused new life into an indigent and lethargic Hamilton" was the subject of Professor Willard Marsh's speech in Chapel Wednesday morning.

At the traditional Class and Charter day exercises Marsh spoke about the 25 year presidency of Melanchthon Woolsey Stryker, '72. "This is the longest period that any man has been president of Hamilton," said Marsh, "It is also one of the most important periods of the college's history."

Dr. Stryker served as President of this College from 1892 to 1917. By 1892 he was "probably one of the 10 or 12 highest salaried clergymen in the United States," according to Professor Marsh.

When Dr. Stryker returned to Hamilton as President the College was small and poor. In describing the College buildings of 1892, Professor Marsh pointed out that although Stryker regarded Silliman Hall as an eyesore, he tactfully w rote in an early catalogue: "The building is handsome, spacious, and well arranged, with parlors, reading hall, and all appropriate rooms. It is heated by steam and is well lighted." Years later Stryker expressed his true opinion of Silliman Hall when he said, "The man who planned that building tried to tell all that he knew."

The maximum pay of a full professor at that time was $1500. Dr. Stryker referred to this as a "shameful underpay" which would "postpone death but would not furnish full mental and physical pabulum needed by a busy-brained man!" The salary peak during the Stryker era was $2200. Eight new buildings were erected during the Stryker era and the Chapel was reconstructed. The buildings were Root, Benedict, Truax, Commons, the fieldstone chemistry laboratory, Carnegie, New South, and the present Library. Professor Marsh said that "Stryker identified himself with this program in a veritable ecstasy of creation."

Upon completion of his building program Stryker said, "There are no better recitation halls or student quarters in any American College." The President was also pastor of the College church, director of the college choir, corresponding and field secretary of the College, and the sole member of the entrance committee. "There were times, too, when he surmised that he was sole member of the exit committee. More than once he was heard to say: 'This is a college where the doors swing both ways.'"

Stryker taught freshman Bible and senior Ethics classes and Professor Marsh said that his students "learned a little about the Bible and a lot about Stryker." As college pastor Dr. Stryker was in charge of a brief religious service every weekday.

Professor Marsh said that there is little to be said about Stryker's educational policy.

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Wertimer Reveals Delights, Despairs Of Teacher's Life

By Dick Harnett

Last Monday evening in the Chemistry Auditorium Assistant Professor Sidney B. Wertimer presented a stimulating lecture of the Squires Lecture Series entitled "Those who can . . . should teach." Although the lecture was specifically addressed to the students, the attending faculty broke out in knowing smiles and glances as Mr. Wertimer covered the points in his lecture.

Mr. Wertimer began by emphasizing "If you haven't had the urge to teach, don't do it." He said good teachers are born and shaped to their profession and also that good teachers are very rare.

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E Pluribus Unum

A long needed change in student government at Hamilton seemed to be taking concrete form this week as both the Interfraternity Council and the Student Council appointed committees to investigate the possibility of revising Hamilton's student government set-up.

Present System Weak

The *Spectator* heartily endorses any proposal for eliminating the shortcomings of the system as it now operates. Student government as it now is constituted at Hamilton is weak in many respects. Of major concern is the fact that there is no single governing body that the faculty or the administration can take a problem to with the assurance that that body truly represents student opinion. The Interfraternity Council certainly represents fraternity opinion but it can deal only with fraternity problems under its constitution. In other words, if a question concerning curriculum were brought up, the Interfraternity Council could not legally act on it since the question would not be within the Council's jurisdiction. On the other hand, the Student Council could not act on Initiation Week rules since this group does not have jurisdiction over such matters.

One might ask, what's wrong with sending fraternity problems to the Interfraternity Council and college problems to the Student Council as is now done? This question seems rather academic if one considers that fraternity problems and college problems are logically interrelated. College problems are fraternity problems just as fraternity problems are College problems. The fact that the present student government attempts to separate these two interrelated problems can not be reasonably justified. Why shouldn't fraternity representatives as such be given the opportunity to discuss problems of curriculum, student discipline, etc.? Just the same, why shouldn't the president of a class be given a voice in changing Initiation or Rush Week rules? The present system offers only limited representation, there is no central governmental agency, and consequently other weaknesses have developed from the initial weakness. For example, confusion exists concerning the areas of jurisdiction of the Student Council and the Interfraternity Council. Both councils are frequently forced to refer promlems to each other. This leads to inefficiency in both organizations and, as a result, each lacks the prestige that a college student government deserves.

Past Achievements Good

Let us now examine what both organizations have accomplished this year in order to define the problem more clearly. The Interfraternity Council acted on Rushing rules as is customary in the Fall and notably changed the Initiation Week rules to regulate these activities more strictly. Other achievements included the suggestion that the Interfraternity Council sponsor a Homecoming Weekend. Finally the Council again sponsored the IFC scholarship and war orphan fund.

The Student Council this year established a committee on curriculum, investigated and improved the operation of the Press Board, supervised the College Calendar service and Thursday assemblies, revised election procedures and performed what has become the perfunctory duty of approving the appointments to the Social Committee, the Student Admissions Committee, the Publications Board and the Campus Fund. In addition, they approved club budgets.

Expansion Problems Cited

Certainly neither organization was overly burdened with decisions to make. On the other hand, one might argue that there is not that much for student government agencies to do at a small school which is relatively free from concern over matters of student government. Still, it seems that there are many areas where a student governmental agency which felt it had the will of the students behind it could constructively improve the College. For instance, neither the Interfraternity Council nor the Student Council took an active role in the consideration of the expansion problem. Once the College does expand, the problems of revised Rush Weeks, revised curriculum, freshmen orientation, etc. will be thrust on a student body which does not have a student government set-up which can intelligently discuss and solve them. This problem was revealed last year when a separate undergraduate committee had to be organized to draw up a report on the expansion problem. In addition, problems such as the need for a second hand book store or a better movie set-up for Hamilton students have not been investigated thoroughly. It is the *Spectator's* belief that if a student government were constituted which would express more nearly the needs of the student body, many problems such as the ones just mentioned would find more adequate solutions.

New System Proposed

Following is what we believe the make-up of a revised student government should be: The body should include a representative from each fraternity, and the representative could or could not be the president of the fraternity. Both the Squires Club and the Independents should be represented. The remainder of the body would be composed of the four class presidents in addition to four other students elected as representatives of their class. Under this arrangement a balance would be maintained between fraternity representation as such and representation from the student body. The organization would not be so large as to be unwieldy but would afford the opportunity for more committee work, more efficiency, and generally a more respected student government.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

The arguments used in the current discussion of the old problem of fraternity membership have caused me to wonder just how effective the College has been in the education of its student body. Few of the statements meet the problem squarely and fewer still seem to be backed by logical and concise thought.

The minority report which appeared in the last issue of the *Spectator* should have been published at the time it was written, for I fear it is too late to carry much weight in the decision about to be made by the Trustees. Its authors should, however, be congratulated for having shown a sense of social responsibility and maturity which, it is idealistically hoped, every Hamilton man should attain before graduation.

Let me say that the blame does not rest solely on the student body. The College has been wrong to imply to prospective students that fraternity membership is open to all. The faculty, judging by the arguments used in the discussion, has failed miserably to inculcate in the students any degree of ethical judgment.

For example, it is highly regrettable that no fraternity man or group had the decency or common sense to refute the unfortunate comments made about the Squires' Club in your original editorial. It is more incredible that a senior of this college should have been so blinded by social snobbishness that he could not see that there is a decided difference between a 95-5 ratio and equal opportunity for all. If I may be permitted a medical analogy, the removal of 95 percent of a cancer may show greater surgical skill than the removal of only 80 percent, but it does not cure the patient. Finally, I agree that the fraternity has the right to choose its members but on the basis of genuine knowledge of the student, not on the basis of conjecture or assumption. If the faculty were to peruse the freshmen files and to base its judgment on the information therein and on the appearance of the students at the first class meeting, there would be a number of students who would commence their academic careers with definite faculty disapproval. Obviously, the faculty does not proceed in this fashion and it is high time that the fraternities learned to accept similar social responsibility.

If, as I asume, we do not wish deferred rushing, and if, as I sincerely hope, we are ready to grant an equal opportunity for all our students, then we must have immediate rushing with 100 percent opportunity. Before the arguments of impracticality are raised, let me point out that I know of no fraternity on this hill which has not made errors in its pledging under the present arrangement, nor do I know of one which has not found that some of its least promising pledges have become its most valuable members. No matter what rushing system is used, there will always be errors, but I assert that with goodwill on the part of the upperclassmen and the elimination of the innate sense of superiority that accompanies membership in organizations not open to all, fraternity life here can fulfill all the valid reasons for its existence and thereby go a long way toward making this college what the catalogue claims it is.

John P. van Alstyne, '43

Editor of the Spectator
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Dear Sir:

The relative failure of the Independent Studies program to attract more Hamilton students presents an interesting problem. It would seem that more students would want to take advantage of the opportunity offered them by this program to undertake original research in a field of interest to them. Perhaps the lack of interest lies in the make up of the course itself. I feel that the program should be broadened and developed along the lines now used at Swarthmore College

At Swarthmore a candidate for admission to honors consults the chairmen of departments of his proposed major and minor during the second semester of his sophomore year. They work out a program to be followed during his junior and senior years. This

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Here And There

By Bob Connor

Progress report: The robins who made their nest in the ivy on the back of the Chapel are the parents of four downy children.

The "New York Times" began a news story on changes in the Yale University undergraduate curriculum with this lead. "From now on, Yale University undergraduates will be expected to place classroom studies ahead of athletics, week-end parties or extra-curricular campus activities."

Professor J. Franklin Hunt gave a few figures on his work for the debate club. Checking over the season's record, he found he had traveled 2,500 miles with the debate club, listened to 42 debates, or 500,000 words. "If we assume," said Hunt, "that each word takes up one inch, they would stretch from here to Albany if laid end to end."

Tuition at Lafayette is now $900 per year.

Forty-six M. I. T. students ended up in jail the other day when a bag of water dropped from a dorm during a water fight landed on a by-passer's head. The by-passer turned out to be Thomas J. Spring, judge of the Roxbury District Court, who quickly ordered the students arrested, and heard their case the following day.

Inept comparison department: Prof. P. H. Highfill of University of Rochester writing about T. S. Eliot's "Family Reunion" says, "It sits and broods like some portentious fowl, and when the egg is hatched, it is empty."

Hamilton made the current New Yorker two times in one page. Samuel Hopkins Adams, '91, has a short story entitled "Grandfather and the Turnout." At the end of the story the following item from the Hamilton Alumni Review appears:

"Professor Philip V. Rogers, '30, has discovered evidence that sulfa drugs produce partial sterility in laboratory rats. Attesting to the importance of his research, Professor Rogers has received a U. S. Public Health Service grant to continue his study for three years . . .

"The project may offer some Hamilton undergraduates the chance to take part in this research, which will be conducted in the laboratories of the Science Building.

New Yorker comment: Lucky them!

Browsing through the Hamilton "Alumni Register" we discovered some interesting honorary degree recipients. Among the usual group of recipients—Dewey, Lehman, Buttrick, Ives— the name of Paul Robeson appears, honorary L.H.D., '40. Also Count Sforza, foreign minister of Italy, an honorary LL.D. in 1942.

The first pantie raid of the year was reported by the *East Carolinian* two weeks ago.

Professor Hawley of the Geology department made a comparison of relative grades at Hamilton and Mt. Holyoke on a test given early this semester in Geology 12. On the same test 37% of Hamilton men and 34% of Holyoke women scored above 80. However, 32% of Holyoke students received C's compared to only 10% of Hamilton students. In the D's, Hamilton placed 20%; Holyoke 18%. Below 60 were 34% at Hamilton, compared to only 14% at Holyoke.

People have been asking all year what we consider the best college weekly paper. Personally, it's a tie between the Amherst *Student* and the Williams *Record*. Both do a fine job of reporting, maintain a consistently good style, and follow an intelligent editorial policy. When asked which paper we consider the worst we're hard pressed for an answer, since the competition is much stiffer; perhaps, however, it's the Russell Sage *Quill*. The *Quill* has an uncanny ability for the wrong metaphor, the'gossipy' news style, the obvious editorial, and the abominable poem.

Choir Spends Nine Hours in Cutting Commercial Disc; Buffers Sing Five

By John Keeler

The Hamilton Choir, under the direction of Assistant Professor John L. Baldwin, recently completed work on their first commercial recording since 1951. The Choir contracted the Camden Recordings Company, an affiliate of RCA, to send two technicians and the necessary equipment to the Hill to begin work last Sunday, May 15th.

The entire process, which began at nine A.M. in the Chapel, was finally concluded in the early afternoon on Monday, after the Choir spent almost nine hours in an attempt to produce enough *"masters,"* the term used in the recording industry to denote acceptable recordings. Most of the selections required five or six recordings due to mistakes and imperfections in delivery. The final approved products, therefore, emerged as polished pieces

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Wertimer . . .

ative advantages and disadvantages of teaching, he mentioned the major problem of the teacher today — wages. To one who wants to be a teacher, wages should be secondary, he said. One must take a "comparative vow of poverty," if he wants to teach; the desire for social service should be most important.

Mr. Wertimer made a balance sheet for teaching and listed the "Delights" of teaching against the "Despairs" of teaching. The "Delights" were:

1. Perpetual association with youth; stimulating thought and making students see two sides of a problem.

2. "Your time is your own," a vertible two headed monster.

3. Prestige; a teacher enjoys good standing within the community.

4. The company one keeps among the faculty is stimulating and informative.

5. The time is right; there will be a sellers market for teachers when the "war babies" enter high school and college.

On the other side of the balance sheet the "Despairs" were:

1. Work; the hours are long and irregular. For every hour of lecture per week, the profesor should put in an hour per day preparation.

2. The teacher should have a degree in some field.

3. The teacher must keep up to date with his field.

4. Sometimes he must teach in summer school.

5. Much time is spent in committee determining educational policy, which can never be positively fixed.

6. The teacher must do independent research. In some universities the by-word is "Publish or perish" and in others one must write four pounds of books before he can become a full professor.

New Faculty . . .

is the author of several books, in addition to being a contributor to many others. At present, Nixon is a professor of political science at Vanderbilt University.

Charles L. Hunter will replace William J. Tomik as an Instructor in Physical Education. Hunter received his B.S. in education from the State University of New York at Cortland in 1952. Upon graduation, he enlisted in the U. S. Army and spent 15 months in Tokyo, Japan. From November, 1953, to August, 1954, he held the position of Recreation Supervisor in the Army. At present, he is Coach and Instructor in Physical Education at Fillmore Central School in Fillmore, N. Y. Hunter will coach soccer, swimming, and lacrosse.

The third appointee, F. C. Cooke, will replace James Penney, who has accepted a position at Vassar College, as Assistant Professor of Art for the academic year 1955-56. Cooke notified the College of his acceptance yesterday from England, and at the time of publication there was no other information available on his background.

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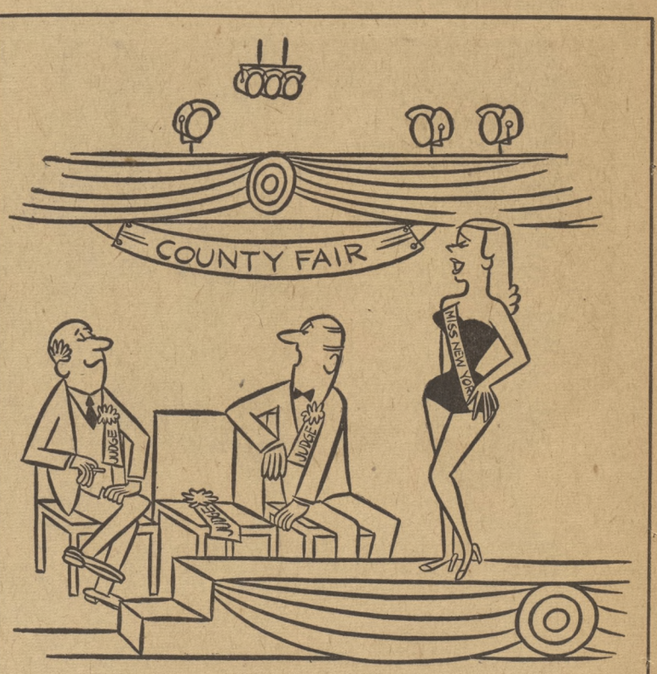

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SPORTSFOLIO

By Peter Dayton

Regarding varsity athletics and athletics in general, two important decisions were handed down this week. A few days ago the Athletic Council voted to let the question of swimming as a varsity sport ride for a few more years. Also it was decided by the Council that bowling should remain on the club level at Hamilton. The other question concerns intramural athletics at Hamilton.

The Department of Physical Education decided for the good of intramural athletics that after this year no awards would be given for team sports; that students who are members of varsity or JV teams will not be eligible for any intramural sports during that particular season; and that there will be new rules for intramural hockey that will allow more people to play.

The question of intramural athletics has posed a problem on many small college campuses. A couple of years ago at Connecticut Wesleyan, when the question of over-emphasis arose, the college administration followed through with the policy Hamilton is to adopt. The plan proved to be a success. It was also the belief of the Hamilton Department of Athletics that there was a definite over-emphasis of intramural athletics on the campus.

The true meaning of the whole program has been lost in the shuffle of individual awards in the past few years. Instead of the program being for the non-varsity athlete, it has become a program that has been monopolized by a proficient few.

One criticism that has been voiced over this decision is that fewer people will come out for varsity sports. If athletics at Hamilton have come to the point where fraternity and club activities mean more to the student than loyalty to his college, then the administration could save close to $30,000 a year by instituting a complete intramural program and abolishing all intercollegiate athletics at Hamilton. If such is the case here, then it is certainly time for the college to make a review of the situation.

I will agree with the objection of others that the fault is in the big trophy given to the overall winner rather than the individual sport awards. The athletic department agrees on this, but the big trophy is not offered by the department and they have little control over it.

The general move of the Athletic Department is definitely a good one and certainly a step in the direction of spreading athletics to the "other guy" who previously has not had the chance to play.

On the decision that the Athletic Council made concerning swimming it was felt that with the addition of Bill Tufts and other young blood to the squad, something could definitely be done to build the sport up and spread a greater interest within the student body.

Bowling the council decided to leave as a club activity, instead of raising it to the level of a varsity sport. There were many reasons for this decision. First, it was felt that the number of sports we have at Hamilton is sufficient for the size of the student body. Second, there is a limit to what the College can do financially. The athletic department must run on a budget of $30,000 a year and to ask the college for more money is unfair.

It is also the feeling of the body that bowling was not a sport that could be sure of the support of classes to come. Each new class that comes into Hamilton has an idea for a new type of club or sport that is not here at the time. The organization flourishes while those students are here but dies out as soon as that class leaves. One other reason was the fact that few other colleges, none that the council knew of, have intercollegiate bowling teams, and consequently there was little sense in Hamilton having one.

Physical Education Dept. Evaluates Intramural Set-up

Varsity Members To Be Inelibible

This past week, Chairman of the Department of Physical Education, Mox A. Weber announced the following change in the intramural rules.

"The Department of Physical Education feels that too much emphasis is being placed on intramurals by the participating groups. After much discussion, the department plans the following changes for 1955-56:

1. There will be no plaque awards for team sports. Charm awards will be continued for the individual sports.

2. Students who are members of Varsity or JV teams will not be eligible for any intramural sports during that particular season.

Bob Hunt Elected New Commodore As Season Ends

The Upper New York Championships will be the final meet for the Sailing Club in the 1955 Spring Schedule. The meet being held in Syracuse tomorrow and Sunday will be attended by eight upstate colleges.

Hamilton representatives in the two day meet will be Skippers Dave Smalley, Scott Alexander, and Bob Hunt. Crews for the three will be Wright Olney, Bill Harvey, and Tom Benson. Smalley will race both days while the other two will race one day each. Last year, the sailors were narrowly beaten by Syracuse University.

In elections held last week, Bob Hunt was elected as Commodore to replace Smalley. Tom Benson was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

Examination Week Calls for "Man In White Suit"

The Man In The White Suit will be shown next weekend in the Chemistry Auditorium. The film stars Alec Guiness, Joan Greenwood, and Cecil Parker. It will be shown Friday and Saturday night and Sunday afternoon. Admission is 40 cents.

Cindermen Whip Oswego; Tennis Team Wins Ninth

The Continental netmen continued their winning streak last weekend, as they copped wins eight and nine from Hobart and the University of Rochester. Tomorrow, the Hamilton netmen take on Union at home. Previously this year, the Blue beat the Garnet, 7-2, in what was the closest game of the current campaign.

The netmen had little or no trouble as they swept to victory. Friday afternoon the Blue disposed of Hobart 8-1. Chris Ravndal was the only man to lose for Hamilton as he bowed in straight sets, 6-3, 6-4. Against Rochester Saturday, the Blue downed the Rivermen, 8-1. The first doubles team of Capt. Dick Miller and Harry Presberg lost the only match 6-3, 6-2.

With only the match against Union remaining, three men stand undefeated in singles play, and two doubles teams have gone without a loss. Tim Smelzer, John Roberts, and Craig Henzel stand at 9-0. Capt. Dick Miller and Chris Ravndal stand at 8-1, and Harry Presberg's record stands at 5-4.

In doubles competition, the Blue have lost only two matches. Both of these setbacks have been suffered by the first doubles of Miller and Presberg, one to Cortland and the other to Rochester. Smelzer and Henzel have compiled a record of 8-0, and Peter Cox and Max Gray, stand 9-0.

Joe Nuccio shown just about ready to cross over the bar and set a new Hamilton high jump record at last week's meet against Oswego. Hamilton won the meet 101-30.

Last Saturday the Hamilton track team met and defeated Oswego 101 to 30, setting three new records in the process, and taking all but three events. Joe Nuccio jumped 6 feet, ½ inches for a new high jump record, Pete Eld broke the record for the 220 low hurdles, winning in 25.2 seconds, and the mile relay team of Paul Carter, Irad Ingraham, Pete Eld, and Chris Durham set a mark of 3:34.1. Oswego took only the discus, the shotput, and the pole vault.

Steve Harwood won the 100 and 220, Chris Durham took the 440, Doug Robinson the 880, Bruce Bartlett the mile, and Al Shaler the two mile. Paul McGiffin took the javelin, Bouck of Oswego won both the discus and the shotput, Latham of Oswego took the pole vault, and Jim White of Hamilton won the broad jump.

This Saturday, R.P.I. plays hosts to 13 track teams from colleges in New York State. Along with Hamilton, Oswego, Brockport, Buffalo, Ithaca, Rochester, Hartwick, Harpur, Cortland, Union, Alfred, and the Merchant Marine Academy will be competing at Troy.

Twenty men will make the trip: Harwood, the 100 and 220; Carter, the 220 and the mile relay; Eld, low hurdles, high hurdles, and mile replay; Robinson, the 880; Ibach, high hurdles and high jump; Roy Bassler, high hurdles, Shaler, the two mile; Tony Romano, shot and discus; White, broad jump and shot put; McGiffin, discus and javelin, Bob Braunlich, javelin; Pres Dawes, high jump, and Earl Cline, broad jump. Perry Weed wil run the 440, Hal Bruck and Tom Hays, the 220, and Bruce Bartlett, the 880 in a Freshman Medley Relay. Ingraham and Durham will round out the mile relay team.

Hamilton has no entries in the mile, 440, and pole vault.

Hartwick Humbled 9-5, Team Breaks Even with 5-5 Record

Coach Gregg Batt's Continentals finished their 1955 baseball season with a 5-5 record, by virtue of a 9-5 defeat of Hartwick yesterday. Last weekend the Blue dropped two straight to Rochester and Hobart. Both of these teams had been defeated by the Continentals earlier in the season.

Hamilton wasted no time yesterday. Two runs were scored in the first on a double, error, walk, and double steal. In the third, the Continentals picked up one more, then went on a four run splurge in the fourth. Hartwick picked up single runs in the second and fourth, and had a big three run seventh, after the Blue had picked two insurance runs in the bottom of the sixth.

Ron Hovey appeared in his eighth game of the season, his seventh as a starter. Hovey was in serious trouble only twice. In the fourth, he had the bases loaded with none out and allowed only one run. In the seventh, he retired the first two men to face him, then gave up four consecutive hits that netted three runs. The victory was his fourth against three defeats.

With the two losses on the road last week, Hamilton ended up the season with a record of 0-4 away from home. At Geneva, the Blue were squeezed out 3-2. The winning run was scored for the Statesmen in the last of the eighth. Next day at the University of Rochester, the Rivermen combined seven Hamilton errors with eight hits to win a wild-game 12-8.

Hovey pitched a total of thirteen innings in the two games, going the route against Hobart and relieveing in the last four innings against the University of Rochester.

Golfers Record Fifth Win Against Union Yesterday

The Continental golfers outshot the Union College golf team yesterday on the Edison Country Club course in Schenectady, 5-4. Victories in individual matches were recorded Jerry Walsh and Jim Schade, Walsh winning 5 and 3 and Schade winning 6 and 5. Both Jack Taylor and Dick Plotka halved their matches while wins in the best ball play went to the teams of Koehler and Taylor and Walsh and Schade. Koehler was medalist with a 78. The golf team needs a victory in Saturday's final match against R.P.I. here for a 6-4 record and a winning season.

Last weekend the golfers dropped two away matches to Rochester and Hobart. Rochester gained revenge on their home course after being beaten by Hamilton 5-4 for their first loss in fifteen matches. The score of the match was 8-1 with Dick Plotka picking up the only victory. In the match against Hobart, only Plotka and Jim Schade managed to win their individual matches, while Walsh and Schade halved their best ball match. The Hobart score was 6½ to 2½.

Lacrosse Team Beaten for 7th Time in Finale

The Continental stickmen ended their 1955 season, by dropping a 6-4 decision to Union College at Schenectady. It was the seventh consecutive defeat for the Blue, who failed to win a game.

Hamilton played the Garnet even for three periods. At the end of the first half the score stood at 2-2, thanks to goals by Bill Penfield and Captain Ed Ed Reed. The third period was the bad one as the Garnet poured through three goals through the nets to make a 5-2 lead. A late third period goal by Don Ivers made the score 5-3. Blue scoring was rounded out by another goal from the stick of Bill Penfield.

Last Saturday the Blue traveled to Cornell to play. Cornell wasted no time in jumping way out in front, as they took a 6-1 lead in the first period and a 13-1 lead at the half. The final score saw Hamilton down 20-6.

Boynton Brothers, Hamilton Alumni, Buy Clinton Paper

John W. and William H. Boynton, brothers, of New Jersey, purchased the Clinton Courier last week. Both men are graduates of Hamilton College, John in '51 and William in '46.

This week's *Courier* and *Spectator* were prepared under their direction and with the aid of former owner Arthur Youngberg who will move to Chicago as Promotion Director of the *Chicago Daily News* next month.

John Boynton will handle the news end of the paper while Wiliam Boynton is Business Manager.

At its April 26 and May 17 meeting, Chi Psi elected these new officers: president, Alfred Van Buren, '56; vice-president and corresponding secretary, James Montgomery, '56; recording secretary, Rick Hatch, '58, and treasurer, Robert Leslie, '57.

E. L. S. elected Al Stripp, '56, president at a meeting May 17. Other new officers are vice-president, Al Specht, '57, and recording secretary, John McCutcheon, '58.

Paul Carter was elected president of Alpha Delta Phi at a meeting May 17. Others elected include Dave Smalley, '56, vice-president; Doug Robinson, '56, recording secretary; Fred Forshay, '57, corresponding secretary, and Carl Reckwell, '56, treasurer.

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SAC -Not Strategic Air Force- Starts New Plan at Hamilton

The Student Admissions Committee will conduct a campaign during the summer to find boys who are interested in attending Hamilton in the Class of 1960. Al Shaler, '57, the committee's chairman, explained that the survey has been organized as follows:

By examining *"Meet the Freshmen"* books for the past four years, the committee has set up geographical districts including all high schools and prep schools which now have graduates in Hamilton. A Hamilton undergraduate from each school will be asked to visit his school during the summer, if possible. He will talk with guidance counselors and teachers in an effort to get the names of high school juniors who might be interested in Hamilton. In each district, one man will be in charge of coordinating the activities of the others. Shaler emphasized the fact that it is not necessary to see the boy himself, but that a personal visit is desirable.

After the names of prospects have been obtained through the high school or prep school, they will be sent to the Admissions Office. "Then, in the fall, when Mr. Bennett and Mr. Gregory visit high schools, the ice will be broken for them," said Shaler.

The chairmen for each district will be contacted by the committee by this weekend. They will be in charge of organizing the survey in their own districts.

The Committee strongly urges everyone to cooperate in this survey because of the help it will give to the Department of Admissions. Chuck Rammelt, '57, is in charge of organizing the survey for the Student Admissions Committee.

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medical careers. The scholarship is one of the few pre-medical scholarships awarded at the undergraduate level, and i t is possible that it is the first such scholarship established in the country.

Lillian Babbitt Hyde is the widow of the grandson of B. T. Babbitt, founder of the B. T. Babbitt Company. Babbitt grew up in Paris Hill more than 100 years ago. He never attended college, but he learned chemistry from a member of the Hamilton faculty, probably Professor Noyes, who went to Utica once a week to instruct Babbitt and several others. From this beginning, Babbitt went on to found and build the B. T. Babbitt Company, which is noted today for its cleansing agents, such as *"Bab-O"* and *Acme Lime."*

The gift is expected to fund a scholarship of approximately $700 a year. It is expected that the scholarship will be awarded by the Faculty Admissions and Scholarship Committee on a year-to-year basis to a deserving student in any class.

Yearbook . . .

In the past, some yearbooks have included sections on commencement. These, however, were pictures and stories of the commencement of the previous senior class. The class of 1955 will be the first to have their own graduation ceremonies featured in their yearbook.

Because of the time of publication, the seniors will receive their copies by mail. Present juniors, sophomores, and freshmen will get theirs when they return to the Hill in the fall.

Ibach pointed out that printing the yearbook in late summer was advantageous because it would allow the inclusion of the late sports and commencement activities. He also pointed out that these additional features would make the yearbook much larger than it has ever been.

Letters . . .

program is submitted to the Registrar who forwards it to the division or divisions concerned with the proposed honors work of the student. They then determine whether an applicant is acceptable on the basis of the quality of his work as indicated by his previous grades and mainly upon his capacity for assuming the responsibility inherent in honors work.

If a student is accepted, he is exempt from further course requirements and during his junior and senior years will study a few subjects intensively and independently. Students meet their instructors weekly in seminars lasting from three to four hours in which the students present papers. A student in the honors program usually takes two seminars each semester, and departments sometimes permit major students to substitute for one seminar the preparation of a thesis.

If a department feels that seven seminars plus one full course will be the basis of a better educational program for the student, such a program will be allowed. and the student need only take seven examinations at the end of his senior year.

No examinations or grades are given, although practice examinations are given at the end of the junior year over the work covered to that point, until the end of the senior year. These practice examinations are used merely as a basis for advice and guidance for the work of the senior year. At the end of the senior year honor students take written and oral examinations given by examiners from other institutions. The examinations are to test the students' competence in a field of knowledge rather than his mastery of those facts which an instructor has seen fit to present in seminar.

To test the students visiting examiners are brought in. They set a three-hour written examination on the subject of each seminar, and after reading the written exam, they question each orally, in order to clarify and enlarge the basis of their judgement of the student"s' command of the material.

Upon recommendation of the examiners, successful candidates are awarded bachelor's degree with honors, high honors, or highest honors. If in the opinion of the committee, the work of the candidate does not merit honors, his papers are returned to his instructors, who decide whether he shall be given a degree in the course. Students who prove unable to meet the standards of honors work or for some other reasons return to regular classes may receive proportional course credit for the work they have done while reading for honors.

The above information was garnered from the Swarthmore College catalogue. A more lucid picture can be gained by reading this catalogue. I feel that the merits of this program warrant the attention and consideration of the student body. Educationally it would prove a worthy addition to the Hamilton curriculum.

— Gary Tischler

Council - I F C . . .

In supporting his suggestions Heller said, "The establishment of such a body would result in more representative and responsible student government at Hamilton. There would be a single group capable of taking constructive action, and truly representing everyone at Hamilton."

Following Heller's presentation the IFC voted to appoint a two man committee, and appointed Paul Carter and Rod Cooke, '56.

Tuesday night a similar proposal was introduced in the Student Council. Speaking in favor of it, Bob Connor, '56, said, "Since no clear line between a fraternity problem and a college problem can be drawn, a single undergraduate council, authorized to deal with all under graduate governmental problems, would be a more efficient government for Hamilton."

The Student Council voted to appoint a two man committee and appointed Bob Connor, '56, and Gerry Van Dijk, '57. The Student Council committee will meet jointly with the IFC committee.

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